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Marcus Wilson gets a shot at 15 minutes of 15 questions fame.

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Heading out



Ray Lackner of Missoula gets on his bike after competing in the shot put and softball throw at the Special Olympics competition Wednesday at Dornblaser Field.

Cory Myers/Kaimin

UM shooting contingency plan focuses on training, counseling

PREPARATION:

Campus officials say their plan would emphasize mental health of students in aftermath of tragedy

Matt Gouras

Kaimin Reporter

UM officials know they may be called on to deal with a school shooting like yesterday's in Littleton, Colo., and have developed a plan in case a similar situation happens on this campus.

"We do have an emergency plan that covers a lot of things," said Ron Brunell, Residence Life director. "In

that plan are circumstances that cover situations like Littleton, Colorado."

The bulk of that plan was drawn up by UM's Director of Campus Security, Ken Willett. It focuses on training UM Police officers to work quickly with medical staff and a joint Missoula City/County emer-

gency task force.

To date, college campuses have faced different situations than the mass shootings such as in Littleton. They tend to have involved alcohol, shootings of random individuals or, because of grade discrepancies, faculty members, Willett said.

But sniper situations have and may arise, he said.

The UM plan focuses on training officers to respond to any number of possible scenarios, such as outdoor or indoor shootings in any of the buildings on campus. He said that

One of the things they have learned from seeing the aftermath of the high school shootings is the importance of counseling afterwards. As a shooting is taking place, all the police can do is contain it and then get rid of the shooter. Much of the work begins afterwards.

In the UM plan, emphasis is placed on using on-campus counseling resources.

Most of these types of large-scale crimes involve guns, and to that end, for about 15 years, UM has been restricting student access to weapons.

UM requires that students living on campus check their guns at the front desk of their dorm hall. For safety, this plan

requires that students check it in as soon as they reach campus and leave the campus immediately after checking it out.

Currently there are about 50 student weapons stored in the residence halls, but that number can be as high as 300 in the fall during hunting season. The

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Residence Life Director

UM has even prepared for the possibility of a shooter on the hillside above a packed Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Willett said he thinks keeping the plan flexible and relevant is most important.

"From there, knock-on-wood, pray-to-god, you won't have to use it," he said.

Experts consider Kosovo

CONFLICT: President Milosevic's brutality brings out ethnic rift, panelists say

Lisa Williams

Kaimin Reporter

The conflict in Kosovo is not a matter of genocide, but a power struggle, said two panelists during a forum yesterday.

Professor Steven Levine said Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic exploited the cracks in the ethnic make-up of the former Yugoslav province.

Levine's sentiments were shared by former United States ambassador Mark Johnson.

"This is not about ancient hatreds, ladies and gentlemen. It's about raw, brutal power," Johnson said.

At Wednesday's forum on the history and future of the Kosovo conflict, Levine and Johnson discussed the war in which Serbians are accused of killing ethnic Albanians.

The forum included the perspectives of Major Steven

Leonard, assistant professor of military sciences, and Otto Koester, a management specialist on international conflicts who worked for the U.S. Institute for Peace.

"Our country is at war and it seems to me it's such an important issue that we as citizens should get together and talk about it," Levine said.

He spoke of the history of the Kosovo conflict that, he said, has been brewing since the breakdown of Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia was formed out

of the ethnically diverse fragments of the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian empires after WWII. Levine said the area has had its problems, but in general embraced all of its people.

Kosovo was granted autonomy within Yugoslavia, which was later revoked by Milosevic ten years later. Kosovo continued seeking autonomous taxation and education systems after the Serbian move.

The diplomatic end to the

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Maj. Steven Leonard explains the military standpoint of the U.S. involvement in Kosovo

Heather Miller/Kaimin

'99 Legislature breathes its last

BUDGET: University system funding set, but future of higher education remains uncertain

Beth Britton

Kaimin Legislative Reporter

HELENA — Now that the 56th Legislative session is over, both university officials and state lawmakers are focusing on the future of higher education funding.

"We've come through the session very well," said Commissioner of Higher Education Dick Crofts. "The attitude towards higher education has improved over the past."

The reason for the change, he said, is that the Legislature likes what they see in the campus programs and now have more confidence in the system.

The biggest concern for the future is Montana's economy, Crofts said, which will make it difficult for all state programs, but there is a growing realization that a strong university sys-

tem is vital to the improvement of the state's economy.

UM lobbyist Ben Darrow argued that the lawmakers and citizens of Montana must come to understand the benefits of having an educated populace. As students pay more and more in tuition, it's becoming less cost effective for them to attend school in Montana.

"But it's been a very fair session," Darrow said. "We could've done better, but it's OK."

University system lobbyist and Western Montana College Chancellor Sheila Stearns added that it was a relatively good session because unlike past years, no huge chunks were taken out of the base budget. Rep. Royal Johnson, chair of the Joint Appropriations subcommittee on education, agreed.

"The university system has done spectacularly well this session," the Billings Republican said. "They're walking away with more funding than ever before."

Funding may be up, but

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OPINION

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Preventing tragedy not simple, requires total community effort

EDITORIAL: Working together starts with self-examination, not extreme views

In the aftermath of a tragedy, such as the one that took place in Littleton, Colo., Tuesday, the question that arises is always a very basic one: Why? Unfortunately, the answer is not so basic.

Still, many of the answers people give come in two forms of basic extremes. The first extreme view says children responsible for shooting rampages are simply insane, and society cannot be blamed for their actions. The other extreme perspective pinpoints the problem as one element of the child's behavior — like his or her "goth" attire — or one element of society, like TV violence.

Giving answers in a language of extremes is dangerous since this language offers no solutions.

Somewhere between these black and white views, there is, as usual, a gray area, wherein lies the closest we'll come to the truth, and therefore the solutions.

Since the "gray area" of the "why" is full of an assortment of problems, some small, but most as large as the society we live in, it is important to understand that help for problem-riddled children must likewise come in a multitude of solutions and from a variety of sources. We're learning that the hard way.

But it's not hopeless. Though the "why" is not basic, there are some very basic things teachers, students, administrators and parents can do to help children with serious problems and perhaps prevent the tragic shootings that have become too common. All of these preventative solutions require us to move beyond the individualist perspective prevalent in modern society and take responsibility — in the form of simple concern — for other human beings.

For every pair of extremist students that we hear about on the news, there are classrooms full of other students who need serious help. So, students need to know how important it is to tell a teacher or counselor at school what they know about other students who may be dangerous to themselves or others, or who just need help — whether a fellow student is known to carry a weapon or suffer from serious depression. In the larger scheme, students in a position to help need to know what they do is significant and has consequences, that, in these kinds of situations, they can actually prevent a tragedy.

Teachers, parents and administrators should also take responsibility for getting students help. They need to watch for children who seem to be having problems, or who are picked on by other children.

Once it is determined that a student needs help, that help must be made available. The forms of help would vary from case to case, but psychologists, counselors and understanding students and teachers can be part of a concerned network.

To prevent future tragedies in our nation's schools, we may have to look into metal detectors and school guards, but we must not forget to also look into ourselves.

— Rachel McLellan

Letters to the Editor



Parking prophesy

It has come to my attention that there seems to be a major problem with parking. Even though it is my first year at UM, I am compelled to speak out on this issue, for I have to put up with parking and its problems for many more years. Not only is trying to find parking a pain, but driving in the university area is a nightmare. It seems as though people are becoming more inconsiderate drivers day by day. Drivers are stopping less for pedestrians, and seem to be more offensive towards bikers.

I know the problems associated with parking, that is why I choose to pick an alternative way to get to class. In my opinion, it is faster to ride to class than it is to drive. If there were more people who felt this way, then there would be less of a problem. I think that if the university would only allot the number of decals to the number of spaces, more people would use alternative transportation. I believe UM should encourage people to use alternative transportation. If the university could start thinking in terms of progress, instead of revenue, they just might have a chance to cure the disease.

Casey R. Des Jarlais
Freshman, Mathematics

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Jeremy Hueth
Second-Year Law



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Around the Oval

Question: What would be the best way for schools to help prevent tragedies like the shooting in Colorado?



"I think that a lot of it boils down to respect for others. They need classes taught in high school on respecting peers."

Ryan Hart,
junior,
RTV Broadcasting



"I think it's not so much how we can prevent it, but what inspires it. The media glamorized the last five shootings, and I think that had a lot to do with it."

Heidi
Hazelhurst,
freshman,
wildlife biology



"I think they need to get involved in groups other than sports, something for everybody to avoid classifications like jocks and geeks and what not."

Megan Heinert,
freshman,
business

Few students appeal conduct charges

VIOLATIONS: Most students confess to violations of the Student Conduct Code rather than face the University Court, officials say

Matt Gouras
Kaimin Reporter

Of the 312 non-academic crimes reviewed for conduct code violations during the fall semester, only five made their way to the University Court.

Students who violate terms of the conduct code, anything from possession of marijuana to throwing paper airplanes out their dorm room window, are reviewed by the Office of Residence Life for potential sanctions.

If the proposed sanction involves suspension or expulsion then it is sent up

the ladder to the Dean of Students' office or the student can appeal the decision and it will go to the University Court, said Ron Brunell, Residence Life director.

Few students decide to appeal the decisions because they rarely proclaim their innocence, Brunell said.

"I find that students, like all of us, sometimes make mistakes," he said. "They are very candid, say they

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Less than 2 percent of students who entered the

Student Conduct Code process decided to appeal the decision rendered by his office up the ladder. Brunell said that appeals were generally made because the students believed the sanction imposed was too severe.

The University Court consists of two faculty members, one staff member and four students who sit as a sort of tribunal that determine both guilt and punishment for alleged violations of the Student Conduct Code.

Since this is not a court of law, the standard for proving guilt is less than found in criminal courts, said Ryan Hopkins, an ASUM senator who has served on the court for the past year.

The circumstances of the charges and punishments levied in Student Conduct Code violations are kept confidential by UM officials.

15 dead in Colorado; 30 explosives found

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Working around bodies still lying where they fell more than a day earlier, bomb squad officers checked lockers and backpacks for booby traps Wednesday as investigators tried to piece together one of the deadliest school massacres in U.S. history.

Hurling bombs and blasting away with guns, two students in black trench coats killed 12 schoolmates and a teacher Tuesday at Columbine High School, most of them in the library. The gunmen, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, then apparently killed themselves.

Officials were trying to determine if others were involved, and they questioned other members of the boys' dark group of outcasts, the "Trenchcoat Mafia."

Parents waited for more than 24 hours after the attack until they finally

received official word of their children's fate. Not until Wednesday afternoon were the first bodies removed from the scene — those of two victims who died outside the school. As dusk fell several hours later, crews began taking the other corpses to the coroner's office.

Investigators left the bodies in place overnight so that they could check for explosives and record the details of the crime scene, which SWAT members described as something from "Dante's Inferno."

Many bodies were sprawled on the floor, slumped in desks or crouched beneath tables, boxes and cubicles where they apparently tried to hide. Police found a handgun under one of the killers, and a semiautomatic rifle and two sawed-off shotguns elsewhere.

"It was a different sort of chaos inside," SWAT Sgt. George Hinkle said. "There were fire alarms going off, strobe lights, four inches of water in the cafeteria. We had been told there were bombs in backpacks and there were backpacks everywhere. It was the toughest tactical problem I've ever seen."

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said 30 explosive devices had been found at Columbine, in the killers' vehicles and at their homes. Late Tuesday, more than 10 hours after the shootings, a time bomb blew up, but no one was hurt.

"Some of these devices are on timing devices, some are incendiary devices and some are pipe bombs," Sheriff John Stone told ABC's "Good Morning America." "Some are like hand grenades that have got shrapnel in them wrapped around butane containers."

Nine of the victims were male and four were female. District Attorney Dave Thomas said there was no evidence that the killers targeted minorities, as some students claimed. Only one of the 13 victims was black.

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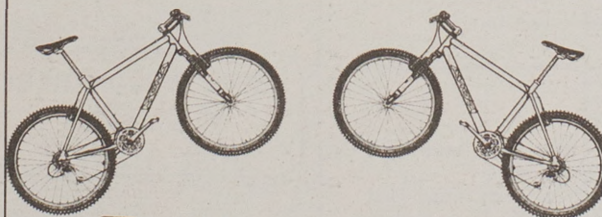
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UM lecture addresses extinction

Emily Phillips
Kaimin Reporter

The last time species were going extinct at the rate they are today was about 63 million years ago, and it was because of an asteroid. This time, said biology professor Erick Greene, it's because of human activity.

That's the gist of the final lecture in this year's Presidential Lecture Series, which will be given by one of the world's most well-known environmental science professors.

Duke University Professor John Terborgh, who will give the lecture next Tuesday, April

27, is an expert in tropical biology. His UM lecture is the only lecture he's agreed to do this year.

Terborgh advised Greene while Greene was working on his doctorate at Princeton University, and Greene has spent time in the tropics of Central and South America doing research with Terborgh.

"He's a really nice guy," Greene said. "He's a renaissance man in many respects."

Greene said the lecture will be interesting to students in all majors, since Terborgh has such varied expertise. The lecture Tuesday night, he said, will be directed toward the

general public.

For science majors, Terborgh will also give a "research talk" Tuesday afternoon at 3:40 in the Gallagher Business Building, room 123. He will discuss his research on Venezuela.

His larger lecture, entitled "Parks in Peril: Why There is a Tropical Biodiversity Crisis," will be in the University Theatre Tuesday night at 8.

The last lecture in the Presidential Lecture Series every year is the Lucille E. Speer Memorial Lecture, named after a UM librarian who retired in 1968 after 40 years at UM.

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Funding

Johnson admitted that in the future, the Legislature will have to deal with the problems of rising tuition and research funding.

"I truly believe it should be one university system to make it work," Johnson added. "Don't close individual units, but work together."

Johnson is not alone in sensing the need for change.

The state is at a turning point and must decide whether to maintain vital, public universities in Montana, said Rep. Rosie Buzzas, D-Missoula.

"Basically, what we've done in the past 10 years is put the burden on students for funding higher education," she said, adding that in the last decade, the percentage of state contribution to the university system's budget has decreased from 75 percent to 25 percent.

Although some lawmakers

argue that the university system has grown too big and must consolidate its programs, Buzzas said she is concerned that narrowing the programs any further would limit Montana's ability to compete for students.

"We need to stay competitive and maintain quality institutions," she added.

Rep. Peggy Bergsagel, R-Billings, agreed, but argued that the university system is treated very well in a state whose taxpayers are ninth in tax burden, 51st in personal income and fourth overall in university spending.

The Legislature wants to treat students well, she said, but they also want to treat Montana's taxpayers well, even if that means consolidating some of the programs.

One of the major problems in university system funding,

Bergsagel said, lies in the fact that, in the end, it is the Board of Regents — not the Legislature — that controls the distribution of funds.

"They don't have to be accountable for their use of money," she said. "That needs to change."

But now, that change will have to wait until at least 2001.

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Kosovo

Bosnian conflict ignored the problems in Kosovo, Levine said.

Speaking from a diplomatic perspective, Johnson said the war will be won when there is a withdrawal of Serbian forces, insertion of an allied military force, creation of a framework to help refugees and a form of democratic self-rule for Albanian-Kosovars.

Leonard said that if the conflict becomes a ground war, the terrain of the area will determine the outcome.

He said that there are threats that may not be readily apparent because of the flow of refugees across the border of neighboring countries. It may be possible for

Serbian troops to cross the border by blending in with refugees.

"It (the threat) doesn't necessarily come in form of someone walking up to you with a gun," Leonard said.

Koester presented the European view of the conflict.

He said Europeans have been supportive of military action in Kosovo. He cited general cohesion among NATO countries and a lack of massive anti-war protests as evidence of support.

Europeans need time to be convinced that ground forces would be needed, he said.

"The worst mistake would be for Americans to pressure the decision for ground troops," Koester said.

Preparation

weapons stored include pistols, hunting guns, knives, archery equipment and even a blow gun and a ceremonial sword.

The plan limits access students on campus have to guns, Brunell said. However, little can realistically be done to limit guns on campus outside of the municipal or state regulations that govern general gun access.

Most of the mishaps surrounding this policy have been because students do not under-

stand there is no flexibility on this policy, he said.

The one incident that went through the student conduct code process in fall 1998 involved a student who checked out his gun to go hunting, but then did not go and forgot to check it back in when he returned to campus.

"We expect that when you check-out a weapon, you take it straight out the front door," Brunell said.



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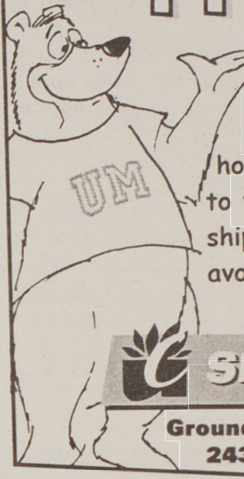
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Anti-gay material prompts UM review

HOMOPHOBIA: Sign displayed in house violates Greek non-discrimination policy

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

An anti-homosexual sign displayed during Gay Pride week in a fraternity has gotten the attention of both university and Greek officials.

Vice President of Student Affairs Barbara Hollmann said the sign was brought to her by a concerned student, and she's planning a meeting with the suspect fraternity.

"The university doesn't condone this homophobic attitude or expression," Hollmann said. "Whether it was done as a joke or not, we will follow up on it."

The flyer, which was allegedly hung on a bulletin

board inside the fraternity, read: "UNIVERSITY AVENUE DOES NOT SUPPORT GAY PRIDE WEEK- THIS IS A STRAIGHT MANS (sic) HOOD. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CONFRONT ANY STRAIGHT PEOPLE OR YOU WILL BE ARRESTED. GAY SEX IS ILLEGAL IN MONTANA. CITEZENS (sic) WILL ENFORCE THIS LAW TO THE T. BE ADVISED THAT YOU ARE NOT WELCOME IN OUR HOUSES."

Lambda member Chris Lockridge said though he didn't see a firsthand copy of the sign, he did hear rumors about its prejudiced nature.

Greek Life advisor Mike Esposito said the writings on the sign are not the image he wants to cultivate in the Greek community.

"The ideas on the paper are 100 percent contrary to what we as a Greek commu-

nity express," Esposito said. He added that he thinks the sign was made by one or two people, not the entire house.

Esposito said last year the All-Greek council unanimously decided to adopt a complete non-discrimination policy, and the sign was in direct contrast to it.

Esposito said there is no definite penalty for this violation, but he added that the person or persons responsible may be asked to get sensitivity training and go through a prejudice reduction workshop.

Amy Jacobson, chair of Lambda, said that usually during every Gay Pride week, some anti-homosexual propaganda surfaces.

"Every pride week we expect to see something that is against us," Jacobson said. "It's just people who aren't educated and ignorant and are reacting in a defensive way."

Bike thefts increase, says Missoula group

PREVENTION: Local group wants to let bike owners know the best way to deter potential thieves

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

When UM sophomore Geoff Marietta split town for a weekend and left his schnazzy red 1970s-style cruiser bicycle safely behind a fence in his backyard, he fully expected it to be there when he came back.

It wasn't.

"It seems like bike thieves are taking anything they can get their hands on," Marietta said.

Marietta isn't the only one to have his bike pinched recently. An organization known as Citizens Against Bike Theft is taking action to make sure that they and

other folks keep their bikes securely in hand.

Bob Giordano, founder of Free Cycles Missoula, said he's talked to a dozen people who've had their bikes stolen in the past couple weeks.

"Right now, we're in a terrible rash of bike thefts," Giordano said. "It's as bad as it's been since I've been here."

Giordano, who headed up a meeting to discuss ways to prevent bike theft, said the group simply wants to get the word out on how to keep bicycles safe.

"Thieves are out there," Giordano said. "So we gotta lock our bikes up or bring them inside."

There are two kinds of bike thieves, Giordano said: Those who steal valuable bikes to sell, and those who joyride the bikes and then ditch them.

Senior Ben Irely has had both a mountain bike and a cruiser ripped off — the former from the porch of his house.

"You need to keep them locked up at all times," said Irely, who works for Free Cycles Missoula. "Sometimes it's tempting to just run into a shop, but people steal bikes then too."

UM Police Sgt. Charles Gatewood said he hasn't noticed an increase in bike thefts on campus, but still he sees enough of them.

"It's not a big problem if bikes are locked up correctly," Gatewood said. He added that he's never seen a Kryptonite-brand lock cut off of a bike, and very few with chains or cables cut.

"The secret is to lock the frame and the front wheel," Gatewood said, "because someone needs special tools to take the back tire off."

Most of the thieves seem to be young, Gatewood said.

"If you leave your bike unlocked, I know there's a 14-year-old outside campus with his name on your bike," he said.

Liz Turner, records clerk with the Missoula City Police Department, said when a bike is reported stolen, the police fill out a full report and a mini-report for quick access detailing the bike's description.

"It's a waiting game from that point on," Turner said. "Sometimes an officer or a pedestrian will find a bike."

Turner said the police have a storage area for found bicycles. Currently, the police have about 50 recovered bikes, but at different times that number can triple.

"When somebody loses a bike, they can come look at the bikes we have," Turner said. She added that having a licensed bike makes it easier for the police to contact the bike's owner if it is stolen.

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SPORTS

Pushing ahead



Eve Stevens (left), Jennie Runner (center) and Jeannette Wilson, members of the Betterside Rugby Team, heave the sled during practice on Wednesday. The Betterside have a game this Saturday, 11:30 a.m. at Dornblazer Field.

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Griz venture to Cheney

Courtney Lowery
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The UM soccer squad is suiting up for their second and last spring tournament of the season this weekend in Cheney, Wash.

The Griz will depart Missoula Friday afternoon and kick off action at 12:00 p.m. Saturday against the University of Washington.

Montana will wrap up the weekend on Sunday by challenging the Washington Women's club, which is comprised primarily of post-college players.

UM head coach Betsy Duerksen said the two teams Montana is matched against will give them a chance to play challenging squads.

"It is nice to play tough teams like these two teams," Duerksen said. "It gives us the chance to get a rough idea of where we stand and what we need to work on."

According to Duerksen, the Griz are making strides during spring training, and she hopes to use the tournament to work on

continuing that improvement. Primarily, Duerksen said there are two main focal points she would like the team to improve on this weekend and in the remainder of their training before the fall season.

"Two areas we focused on last weekend, and hope to again this weekend as well, are getting the ball in the front half of the field and defensively, being more physical and aggressive on winning the ball," Duerksen said. "I think we are really growing within the game and hopefully, this weekend, against these higher-level teams, we can continue our improvement."

Those two aspects won't be the only areas fine-tuned this weekend. Duerksen said she expects her team to be forced to deal with intense defensive pressure from the two Washington teams.

"Both of these teams play with a higher level of pressure than we are used to," she said. "So, we'll also get a chance to test our skills under that kind of defensive pressure."

15 QUESTIONS

by Chad Dundas and Kevin Van Valkenburg

Editor's Note: End of the semester blues got you feeling gloomy? Tired of sitting in ethics class when you could be playing Frisbee with all those other hairy-chested men (and women) in the oval? 15 Questions knows all about that. But we're still cranking away, trying to change the world 15 Q's at a time. He's smooth, he's a dapper don, he's a three-year starter at linebacker who packs a pop. He's this week's pick: Marcus Wilson.

Q. Marcus, the state of Florida prides itself on producing 100 percent pure orange juice. Originally from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., do you pride yourself on being 100 percent pure linebacker?

A. Well, I do try and be at least as close to 100 percent as I can. I guess I'm not as pulpy as orange juice though. Does that make me a lower percentile?

Not as far as we're concerned.

Q. Since coming up here in 1996, Marcus, have you met ANY white people who can dance?

A. Mmm ... I've met one or two who can cut a rug. My fiancée has a few solid moves.

Q. You're a business major. Let's pretend it's not against the rules and I slip you \$200,000 and ask you to maximize my money through shady investments. You can keep half the profits. How would you go about it?

A. Yes, well, knowing my friend Jason Miller (UM free safety), I'd hook you up with some Excel long distance, get you a sales rep and

pull down about \$400 to \$800 a week. You'd probably have to launder it through another name, and do some charitable work on the side to make you appear on the up and up.

Q. Marcus, level with us, are you ticklish?

A. Only in the right places. Anywhere in particular? That shall remain a secret.

Q. The new Star Wars movie will be released next month. What's up with all this new-fangled computer animation? Shouldn't director George Lucas be sticking with what brought him to the dance, you know, them foam rubber aliens?

A. Oh, he definitely needs to go back to the foam rubber. Can you imagine if Yoda was computer generated? His digital hairy ears just wouldn't accent his greatness in the same way.

Q. What qualities do you look for in a good silk robe?

A. Since I probably wouldn't be wearing it, short would be a good quality. Touchability would be a good one and it should probably be see through. Something in white where I can see what I'm looking for.

Q. What are three goofy aspects about Montana?

A. The clubs, or lack thereof. The fact that you actually have four seasons here, unlike Florida. And lastly, the drinking age, or apparent lack thereof. I've seen some real young kids in places they shouldn't be.

Q. Do you find peace in the fact that you are one of the only linebackers without a goofy name? I mean come on, Boomer, Steinau, Jollymore,

Yaro and even Orizzotti?

A. I find some peace there with a good-old, down-home name. I'd like to think my name is normal, but my abilities aren't.

Q. Let's play wack, not wack. I'll give you a person, place or thing and you tell me if it's wack or not wack.

1. The Crocodile Hunter: Wack, I don't think he's all there.

2. eating paste: That's wack. I don't get a kick out of it.

3. Snow (the frozen substance, not the Canadian rapper): Not wack. I've grown quite fond of it. I've even been sledding.

Q. Do you think capitalist games like "Hungry, Hungry Hippos" teach children to be the selfish, cutthroat, hasty little beasts they inevitably become?

A. Most definitely. It shows kids life is all about being greedy, getting the most marbles and it doesn't matter what hippos you step on to get your way.

Q. Recent measures have allowed athletes to garner priority registration for classes. Isn't this "me first" attitude basically sticking it to all the pregnant moms and over-worked students trying to make a dollar out of 15 cents, who'd love to get into Spanish class, but can't because Earl the 7-foot post player took their spot?

A. Well, I would hope not. We're out here all day, and then all night watching films and stuff. It's almost impossible to find time to study on top of an 80 hour-a-week

job. It really helps to be able to get those classes and not have to fight like crazy to fit them around practices. Hopefully we don't kick anybody out, we're just trying to get done early.

Q. Would that "Critical Mass" stuff fly in Florida, where you come from?

A. Not at all. They'd be on the run like live game. Except people in Florida might stop for live game.

Q. Which former New Edition members have had a more positive impact on society since splintering the R and B super-group, Bobby Brown or those guys in Bel Biv Devoe?

A. Probably Bel Biv Devoe. Bobby hasn't really had a positive impact on anything.

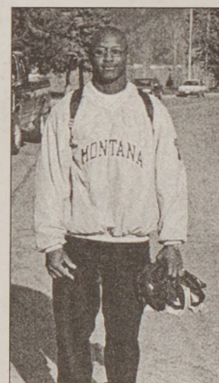
He's kind of been giving guys everywhere a bad name.

Q. After Salmon Rushdie wrote the book "Satanic Verses," which tackled the difficult issue of the Islamic religion, the Ayatollah put a hit on the Pulitzer Prize-winning author. If Rushdie wrote a tell-all book about Griz football, do you think coach Dennehy would put a hit out on him as well?

A. Well, depends on how good the book was. (laughing) Let me answer that question with one of my own. If he wrote a tell-all book about the Mafia, do you think they'd put a hit out on him?

Q. Finally, Marcus, how come weevils wobble but they don't fall down?

A. They've got a good strong base. Just like Griz football in that way. You might knock us over, but we'll always pop back up.



Marcus Wilson

SPORTS

UM baseball club grounded by Idaho, splits games with MSU-B

Mike Cimmino
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The UM baseball club had a rough first three games Saturday and Sunday but managed to get some offense rolling in the weekend's finale.

The Grizzlies took on both MSU-Billings and Idaho in St. Ignatius this weekend.

Montana (11-11) lost to MSU-B 10-9 in the first game of a double-header. The Griz, who trailed for

most of the game, made a late comeback but fell short in the end. According to catcher Pat O'Connell, defensive errors plagued UM in the loss.

"(Idaho) hit the ball well," O'Connell said. "But not good enough to score 10 runs. We kind of helped them."

In the second game, Idaho downed UM 13-6, and again, defense was a problem.

"Errors hurt us, some-

times we tend to have lapses on defense," O'Connell said.

Sunday, UM lost again, 9-7, in a close match with Idaho. Despite the loss,

"Idaho hit the ball well, but not good enough to score 10 runs. We kind of helped them."

—Pat O'Connell
UM baseball club

there were some individual bright spots for the Griz: Tom Giles went 4-4 with a 3-run home run and a double. Pitcher James Jones added a solo bomb, but an accumulation of walks and errors let Idaho score seven

runs in the first two innings.

"It gets a little frustrating when you're on the mound," Jones said. "We needed to win one of those games against Idaho. We'll be all right though."

Haven Stessman said he felt Idaho deserved to win.

"They out-played us in every aspect of the game," Stessman said.

Montana's only victory of the weekend came in the final game, as UM clobbered MSU-B 14-4 in five innings. Mike Smerer pitched the five innings, giving up three earned runs. Jones went 3-4 with 3 RBIs, Stessman went 2-2,

Josh Perrigo hit 2-3 and Boyd Candee added a double in the slug-fest.

"Up and down the line-up we all hit the ball good," Jones said. "I feel that our best ball is ahead of us."

Despite the weekend woes, O'Connell feels the team performed better than in the first three games.

"We have a solid defense, but errors creep in," O'Connell said. "You can't dwell on the bad games. We need to remember what works for us."

UM will host Eastern Washington April 24-25, playing twice on Saturday and once Sunday. According to Jones, the location of the game has yet to be determined.

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MSU inks guard, loses Gamradt

BOZEMAN (AP) — Jermaine Walton, a point guard from Porterville, Calif., College, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Montana State University, coach Mick Durham announced Wednesday.

The 6-foot Walton averaged 10 points, six assists and three rebounds a game last season, as Porterville finished with a 29-5 mark and a berth in the California State Junior College tournament.

"Jermaine is a true point guard who makes excellent decisions with the ball," Durham said. "He had a 6-to-2 assist-to-turnover ratio last year, which is excellent for a point guard. He's very quick and explosive with the ball and will really fit our style of play."

Walton was coached by George Nessman at Porterville.

"Jermaine can create shots for other players, he can really break down defenses," Nessman said. "He's probably the quickest player in our league and I think he brings (MSU) a different ingredient offensively."

The signing of Walton came the same day Carroll College coach Gary Turcott announced that Montana State guard Shane Gamradt will play for the Fighting Saints next year.

Gamradt averaged 25 points per game his senior year at Fairfield and walked on to the Montana State basketball team. He redshirted during the 1997-98 season and saw limited action during last season.

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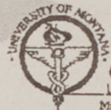


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